

# PROTECTING

People, Property, and  
the Environment

## The Urban Drainage & Flood Control District



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# WHO WE ARE

UDFCD was established by the Legislature in 1969 after the metro area was hit by the devastating 1965 flood. The Flood Control District was launched with a mill levy set at 1.0 by statute. Today, as then, the District partners with metro cities and counties on a 50/50 basis to design and construct flood control and warning measures, open space and trails, and debris removal.

# WHAT WE DO

The District runs a \$30 million annual budget with only 30 employees. Contracting out the work keeps overhead low, costs down and all the jobs stay local.



## DEBRIS AND GARBAGE REMOVAL FROM OUR STREAMS, CREEKS AND RIVERS

As part of regular maintenance, the District removes debris and obstructions from streams, creeks, and rivers making them not only safer and more beautiful but also allowing for recreational use of these waters.



## HELPING CONTROL GROWTH BY REDUCING UNWISE DEVELOPMENT IN FLOODPLAINS

Over the past 48 years, the Flood Control District has been the leading force preventing growth from occurring in low-lying floodplains in the metro area; so instead of housing and industrial growth, those areas are now open space for public use and enjoyment while providing a safe buffer from high water.

## OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION AND TRAIL DEVELOPMENT IN FLOODPLAINS

Because of the District, the Denver metro area has hundreds of thousands of acres of floodplain open space that promotes wildlife habitat and provides trails and recreational access to area residents.



## BE FLOOD SMART: KEEPING YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS SAFE

The District maintains a system of early flood warning gauges so when high water or flooding hits the Denver Metro area, there is an early warning and time to prepare and evacuate.

### Follow us on Twitter to get your alerts

The District coordinates alerts with NOAA, first responders and the local media

Check your proximity to floodplain here:  
[www.UDFCD.org/floodmap](http://www.UDFCD.org/floodmap)

For questions about flood insurance go to:  
[FloodSmart.gov](http://FloodSmart.gov)







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URBAN STREAM CORRIDORS SERVE MANY CRITICAL ROLES WITHIN A COMMUNITY:

While their primary function is floodwater conveyance during storm events, a majority of the time they serve as areas of **open space** and **recreational amenities**.



## WHAT WE DO

THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT PARTNERS WITH CITIES AND COUNTIES TO:

- Create and Preserve Open Space
- Implement Early Flood Warning Systems
- Remove Trash and Debris from Waterways
- Design/Construct Beautiful Multi-Use Flood Control Projects
- Promote Responsible Development
- Preserve Stream Corridors

River Run Project



Westerly Creek Project  
Open space engineered to provide flood control



## STAY SAFE

### ANYWHERE IT RAINS, IT CAN FLOOD

- › Flood damage is not typically covered by homeowner's insurance
- › Anyone can purchase flood insurance - you don't have to live in a floodplain
- › There is a 1 in 4 chance of flooding over the life of a typical mortgage
- › Flooding is the most common natural disaster in the U.S.
- › The damage from just 1" of water can cost over \$20,000

### PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

- › Make sure water flows away from your house
- › Report blocked grates or pipes to your local government
- › Don't store valuables in your basement

### PROTECT YOUR FAMILY

- › Plan evacuation routes in advance
- › Don't drive in floodwaters (turn around, don't drown)
- › Follow us on Twitter @udfcd\_fwp for flood alerts

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UDFCD SUPPORTS LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO PROTECT PEOPLE, PROPERTY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT

DO YOU LIVE OR WORK NEAR A FLOODPLAIN? FIND OUT AT **UDFCD.ORG**